

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 28, 2000
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; DON PERSSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN KING PARKER. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The Administration is formulating proposals for consideration by the Council's Transportation Committee to strengthen the City's street trench restoration standards to better protect newly installed asphalt from being cut or damaged for utility installation.
- ✱ The Regional Project Evaluation Committee of the Puget Sound Regional Council will recommend that \$1.1 million in federal ISTEA funds be allocated to Renton's transit center, to make up for MVET funding lost to the project because of I-695.
- ✱ Several south King County cities will hold a Joint Funders Workshop on March 22nd to assist with the 2001 General Fund and Community Development Block Grant allocation process.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Carlson –
Abandoned Building in the
Highlands (Bagnariol
Restaurant)

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, relayed concerns about an abandoned restaurant building located at 421 Union Ave. in the Highlands. Formerly the site of the Bagnariol Restaurant, the building has long been vacant and now attracts graffiti artists, transients and others who make use of its interior and exterior for alcohol consumption and other activities. The property owner has not responded to requests to address these issues. Emphasizing that this building is a public safety hazard as well as an eyesore, Ms. Carlson asked for the City's assistance in remedying this situation.

Mayor Tanner and City Attorney Lawrence J. Warren explained that the City can take action only if the property constitutes a public health menace, or if the building is declared dangerous, having met specific criteria. Mr. Warren added that the City could experience difficulty in gaining access to investigate the site if

the property owner is uncooperative.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER,
COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION.
CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Watson –
Renton Code Enforcement;
Multi-Family Housing
Problems

Shelly Watson, 310 Meadow Ave. N., Renton, 98055, chastised the City for letting the owner of several multi-family properties run up a \$10,000 delinquent water utility bill before finally interrupting service to his properties. She felt that this person and others similar to him work the system, and she accused the City of allowing this type of problem to continue. Adding that she was greatly disappointed in Renton's enforcement of its City Code provisions, she was further disturbed by alleged over-occupancies of properties located across the street from her home as well as possible criminal activity in her neighborhood.

Council President Corman replied that Renton recently doubled its Code enforcement efforts, a clear signal that the City is starting to take even these minor transgressions very seriously. He felt that the water shutoff incident described by Ms. Watson would put other landlords on notice that delinquent bills will not be tolerated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Streets: NE 43rd/44th & 110th
Ave SE, Release of Easement
(Exit 7 Inc.), RE-99-002

City Clerk submitted request for release of easement in the vicinity of NE 43rd and 44th Streets and 110th Ave. SE; petition received from DeVere Jerry Burtenshaw, representing Exit 7, Inc., accompanied by the required filing fee. Refer to Board of Public Works and Utilities Committee.

Parks: Long Property
Acquisition, North Renton
(May Creek)

Community Services Division recommended approval of a purchase and sale agreement for acquisition of the Long property, 1.4 acres located in north Renton bordering May Creek, at a cost of \$45,000 (half of which will be reimbursed by a King County Conservation Futures grant). Council concur.

CAG: 98-089, Renton
Boathouse Remodel, Quinn
Construction

Community Services Department submitted CAG-98-089, Renton Boathouse Remodel project; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$84,959.89, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$22,776.73 to Quinn Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Executive: Centennial Task
Force Advisory Committee

Executive Department submitted a status report on the work of the Centennial Task Force Advisory Committee. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 98-064, 1999 Street
Overlay, MA Segale

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-98-064, 1999 Street Overlay project, and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$237,545.40, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$41,101.13 to M.A. Segale, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 99-117, 1999 Sidewalk
Rehabilitation, Gary Merlino
Const Co

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-99-117, 1999 Sidewalk Rehabilitation project; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$100,673.10, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$5,033.66 to Gary Merlino Construction Co., Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Human Resources: Utility
Systems Office Asst Hire at
Step D

Utility Systems Division requested authorization to fill the half-time regular Office Assistant 2 position at Step D of the salary range, effective 2/16/00. Refer to Finance Committee.

Human Resources: Utility
Systems Engineering Specialist
Hire at Step E

Utility Systems Division requested authorization to fill an Engineering Specialist I position at Step E of the salary range, effective 3/01/00. Refer to Finance Committee.

Added Item 6.i.

Human Resources: 2000 Labor
Contracts

Human Resources & Risk Management Department requested approval of five negotiated labor agreements, as follows: AFSCME AFL-CIO Local 2170, Firefighters Local 864, Battalion Chiefs Local 864, Renton Police Guild Commissioned Officers and Renton Police Guild Non-Commissioned Officers. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDED ITEM 6.i. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

Parks: Lakes to Locks Water
Trail

Council President Corman presented a report regarding the Lakes to Locks Water Trail, which is a regional water trail system that will connect Renton's Lake Washington Shorelines with other Lake Washington communities, Lake Sammamish, the Sammamish River, Lake Union, the Ship Canal, and the Seattle shorelines of Puget Sound. The Committee of the Whole believes the planned water trail system will be beneficial to both the citizens of and visitors to Renton, and supports its official designation. The Committee recommended that the Mayor sign a letter expressing the City of Renton's support for the Lakes to Locks Water Trail. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation Committee

Metro: 2000 *Flexpass* Program
(City Employees)

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending that Council authorize the Mayor to contract with King County Transit Division (Metro) to continue implementation of the *Flexpass* program for all regular City of Renton employees for an additional year. King County has requested minor administrative revisions to the contract that was originally submitted to Council with the agenda bill package. These changes remove the vanpool subsidy component from the scope of this contract, but do not alter the remaining components. The vanpool subsidy will be continued as is, but instead be administered outside of the scope of this agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 68 for resolution.)

Metro: Bus #105 Rerouting
Request (Kennydale/N 33rd St)

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending that Council direct Transportation Division staff to send a letter to formally request that King County Metro work with the Kennydale neighborhood to address concerns regarding the present routing of Metro route #105 by further evaluating current and potential alternative routes. This letter should suggest that the Renton Neighborhood Program and its liaisons be involved in the process to ensure that the interests of all residents of the Kennydale neighborhood who may be affected by any potential routing changes are considered. It is further recommended that this issue remain in committee at this time so that staff can report on progress on this matter. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services
Committee**

Human Services: Human

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff and Human Services Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the amended bylaws. The Committee further

Services Advisory Committee
Bylaws

recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Parks: Landscape Maintenance
Contract, Facilities
Maintenance Contractors

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending that the current landscape maintenance contract with Facilities Maintenance Contractors be amended to include landscape areas identified in the City's Care Maintenance program. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Appointment:
Planning Commission

Councilmember Nelson announced that the Community Services Committee will hold confirmation of the mayor's appointment of Dan Lynch to the Planning Commission at this time as Jeff Lukins has not yet officially resigned this position. Mayor Tanner replied that although Mr. Lukins has not submitted a formal letter of resignation, he did verbally announce his intention to resign at a recent Planning Commission meeting.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler suggested that whenever a vacancy is created on the Planning Commission, that the City actively solicit applications from interested persons, perhaps by placing an announcement of the vacancy in the newspaper and on the web site. Mayor Tanner responded that, as with any other of the City's boards and commissions, residents are invited to submit an application to be appointed to the Planning Commission at any time. These applications are kept on file and when a vacancy arises, the mayor reviews them and makes his selection, which Council either approves or disapproves.

Councilman Clawson agreed with Ms. Keolker-Wheeler that it might be a good idea to solicit applications in the case of the Planning Commission only, since Renton has many residents who are new to community activism and who might be interested in serving. Mayor Tanner stated that the process for board and commission appointments has not changed for years, and it was not his intent to change it at this time. He reiterated that anyone interested in serving on a board or commission is welcome to submit an application at any time.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 179307 - 179766, and two wire transfers totaling \$2,573,457.44. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3442

Metro: 2000 *Flexpass* Program
(City Employees)

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with King County and Sound Transit for the sale of Flexpasses to City of Renton employees by King County. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 3/06/00 for second and final reading:

Development Services: A-
Frame Signs

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-4-070 and 4-4-100.B, C, J, K and L of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards, Section 4-11-160 and 4-11-190 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code

by permitting A-frame signs in the City of Renton. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/06/00. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport: Restricting Takeoffs
After 10:00 p.m. (Noise
Ordinance)

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF A NOISE ORDINANCE AFFECTING RENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (SPECIFICALLY, AIRPLANE TAKEOFFS AFTER 10:00 P.M.) TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Building: Parapet Damage at
826 S Third St

Councilman Persson expressed concern that the parapet on the building located at 826 S. Third St. appears to have fallen recently. Mayor Tanner said that the City has investigated this building before, and will do so again in response to Mr. Persson's observation.

Utility: Water Shutoff
Regulations and Policies

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF CITY CODE AND CITY POLICIES RELATED TO UTILITY SHUTOFFS ON DELINQUENT WATER BILLS TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Carlson –
New Public Garbage Cans in
the Highlands

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, expressed appreciation for the new public garbage cans installed in the Highlands area, and reported that they are being used.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:21 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk